



KANABEC SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF MARCH 16, 2010 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Hoppe, Wayne Anderson, Karen Longerbone, Kevin Belkholm

OTHERS PRESENT: Shannon Rasinski (NRCS), Jason Weinerman (BWSR) Kelly Osterdyk

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tom Demarais

Chairman Hoppe called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Dana Raines, Coordinator for R,C, and D Council was not able to attend the meeting.

Motion by Anderson, second by Longerbone to approve the Feb. 9, 2010 minutes as amended, motion carried.

Motion by Anderson, second by Longerbone to approve the February financial report, motion carried. Hoppe reported that our accountant will be assisting with the 2009 financial report.

Jason Weinerman, BWSR board conservationist was present. He reported on the expected state budget FY2011 reductions by the legislature. BWSR - Clean water grant funds will be available for application requests again this year.

OLD BUSINESS:

Legislative Day at the Capitol - Hoppe, Anderson, Belkholm and Osterdyk reported on the recent Day at the Capitol visit with legislators Tony Lourey, Tim Faust and Bill Hilty.

County Ditch program – The Kanabec Co. Engineer is scheduled to meet with the SWCD board to discuss the status of the county ditches on April 13th, 2010.

Cost share technical assistance – Motion by Anderson, second by Longerbone to make a request to BWSR to use the FY 2010 cost share funds of \$8,639 for technical assistance on projects. Motion carried.

Ann River TMDL project – Motion by Anderson, second by Belkholm to request bids from three consultants to do certain work tasks for the TMDL contract with the MN Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). Bid requests are to go to the following consultants: Wetland Creations Inc., Wenck and Assoc. and Blue Water Science. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Belkholm reported that there will be a “Breakfast on the Farm Day” at the Don Thoeny Farm on June 19th from 7:00 – 10:00 am. The public is invited to learn about the dairy farm operation. Kanabec SWCD will be represented by having conservation program information available for the public.

East Central Solid Waste Facility – Osterdyk reported that the SWCD received information about the proposed landfill expansion and generator project. An environmental assessment worksheet (EAW) has been developed by the MPCA for comment and review. A public meeting is scheduled for April 12th, 2010.

2010 Sustainable Ag. Demonstration Grant program – Motion by Anderson, second by Belkholm to request assistance from the R, C, and D Coordinator to apply for funds to manage the hybrid poplar plantation at the SWCD conservation farm property. Motion carried.

District Conservationist Report – Shannon Rasinski reported on the status of the EQIP, WHIP and CSP conservation program sign up and applications. NRCS recently provided training for staff on nutrient management. NRCS also held an Area III meeting for staff in Cloquet. Shannon brought back a plaque from NRCS to Kanabec SWCD, for 60 years of cooperation as conservation partners.

District Manager Report – Osterdyk reported that the 2010 annual plan and 2009 accomplishment reports were completed, submitted to BWSR and sent to the County, to be posted on the web site. The SWCD has been meeting with landowners to set up and confirm projects for the season. Motion by Longerbone, second by Anderson for Osterdyk to attend the annual St. Croix River basin conference in River Falls on April 8, 2010. Registration fee is \$50. Motion carried.

Supervisor Reports – Hoppe reported on the activities covered at the meeting of the Snake River Watershed Management Board and Citizen Advisory Committee in February.

Next meeting date – April 13, 2010.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM.

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